Regulations.

"(B) Any competition referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be conducted pursuant to specific criteria for the selection of recipients of assistance. The criteria shall be contained in—

Federal Register, publication.

"(i) a regulation promulgated by the Secretary after notice and public comment; or

"(ii) to the extent authorized by law, a notice published in the Federal Register.

"(C) Subject to the times at which appropriations for assistance subject to paragraph (1)(A) may become available for reservation in any fiscal year, the Secretary shall take such steps as the Secretary deems appropriate to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the process referred to in subparagraph (A) is carried out with similar frequency and at similar times for each fiscal year.

Contracts. 42 USC 1437aa note.

42 USC 1439.

"(D) This paragraph shall not apply to assistance referred to in paragraph (4).".

(4) APPLICABILITY.—In accordance with section 201(b)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, the amendments made by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall also apply to public housing developed or operated pursuant to a contract between the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and an Indian housing authority.

42 USC 3545.

(5) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 213(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 is amended by striking "section 235 or 236 of the National Housing Act,".

SEC. 102. HUD ACCOUNTABILITY.

(a) NOTICE REGARDING ASSISTANCE.—

Federal Register, publication.

(6) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of the availability of any assistance under any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary.

(7) PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a description of the form and procedures by which application for the assistance may be made, and any deadlines relating to the award or allocation of the assistance. Such description shall be designed to help eli-

gible applicants to apply for such assistance.

(8) PUBLICATION OF SELECTION CRITERIA.—Not less than 30 days before any deadline by which applications or requests for assistance under any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary must be submitted, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the criteria by which selection for the assistance will be made. Subject to section 213 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, such criteria shall include any objective measures of housing need, project merit, or efficient use of resources that the Secretary determines are appropriate and consistent with the statute under which the assistance is made available.

(9) DOCUMENTATION OF DECISIONS.—

(10) The Secretary shall award or allocate assistance only in response to a written application in a form approved in advance by the Secretary, except where other award or allocation procedures are specified in statute.

(11) The Secretary shall ensure that documentation and other information regarding each application for assistance is sufficient to indicate the basis on which any award or